

The Supreme Court - March 22, 2021

Today, the Supreme Court of the United States granted certiorari in two cases:

Servotronics, Inc. v. Rolls-Royce PLC, No. 20-794: Whether the discretion granted to district courts in 28 U.S.C. §1782(a) to render assistance in gathering evidence for use in “a foreign or international tribunal” encompasses private commercial arbitral tribunals, as the Fourth and Sixth Circuits have held, or excludes such tribunals without expressing an exclusionary intent, as the Second, Fifth, and, in this case, the Seventh Circuit, have held.

United States v. Tsarnaev, No. 20-443 This case, involving the Boston Marathon bomber, presents the following issues: 1) Whether the court of appeals erred in concluding that respondent’s capital sentences must be vacated on the ground that the district court, during its 21-day voir dire, did not ask each prospective juror for a specific accounting of the pretrial media coverage that he or she had read, heard, or seen about respondent’s case. 2) Whether the district court committed reversible error at the penalty phase of respondent’s trial by excluding evidence that respondent’s older brother was allegedly involved in different crimes two years before the offenses for which respondent was convicted.

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